



One of the first steps you will encounter during the application process will be the *Firefighter Entry Exam*. This test is designed for candidates aspiring to become career firefighters. However, do not let the name of the test discourage you. Although this is a firefighter entry-level test, **remember**, at this point all applicants are considered equal regardless of their existing knowledge.

The *Firefighter Entry Exam* is mostly a **reading comprehension test**. The bulk of the exam gauges your ability to read, retain, recall and disseminate important information that is found in the *Test Preparation Manual, 8th Ed.* About **Seventy five percent** of the test is made of specific questions directly from your preparation manual. Past experiences, training or certificates that you may have are irrelevant. **Do not rely on your existing knowledge of the fire service to answer any of the questions found on the test. It is imperative that you use only the information given in the manual, even if you know the answer to a question to be incorrect.** You MUST read the manual to successfully pass this portion of the application process. Again, this is a READING COMPREHENSION EXAM and not a test of your knowledge of the fire service!!

The other **twenty five percent** of the test measures your general cognitive skills. These will be basic math problems, word problems, mechanical aptitude, and problem solving test items. There is no study manual for these cognitive ability items.

HOW TO STUDY

- **MAKE USE OF THE PRACTICE TEST. YOU CAN FIND THE ORDER FORM UNDER THE COVER OF THE STUDY MANUAL.**
- **USE YOUR AMBITION TO BE A CAREER FIREFIGHTER AS YOUR MOTIVATIONAL DRIVE TO STUDY FOR THE ENTRY EXAM.**
- **READ THE ENTIRE TEST PREPARATION MANUAL SEVERAL TIMES.**
- **IT MAY TAKE YOU OVER 40 HOURS TOTAL TO MASTER THE TPM!**
- **FOCUS ON ONE CHAPTER A DAY, WHILE BRIEFLY REVIEWING THE OTHER CHAPTERS YOU HAVE READ.**
- **GO TO THE LOCAL LIBRARY TO STUDY. THE LOCAL LIBRARY HAS THE PROPER ENVIRONMENT TO LEARN, WITHOUT DISTRACTIONS.**
- **FOCUS ON PROBLEM AREAS SUCH AS LIST OF NAMES, NUMBERS, DATES AND TIMES, THEN REVIEW THEM DAILY.**
- **UTILIZE A CALENDAR TO SET GOALS OF YOUR STUDY PROGRESS.**
- **DO NOT RELY SOLELY ON THE VOCABULARY AND SAMPLE QUESTIONS.**
- **DO NOT TRY TO CRAM FOR THE EXAM, THERE IS ENTIRELY TOO MUCH INFORMATION IN THE MANUAL TO ABSORB IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. DEVELOP A STUDY ROUTINE AND TRY TO BE PREPARED AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE TEST DATE.**

GOOD LUCK